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#### AMENDMENT

#### VIA FACSIMILE

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 MS AF

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

### In the claims:

Please amend the claims as shown on the following pages: